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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Form Number(s): PCT/RO/101, PCT/RO/134, PCT/IB/372, PCT/IPEA/401, PTO-1382, PTO-1390, PTO/SB/61/PCT, PTO/SB/64/PCT.

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Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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